

SB 491 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Transfers unobligated Community Housing Trust funds from the Department of Human Services (DHS) to the Oregon Community Foundation (Foundation) for community housing for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities. Directs the Foundation to report to DHS annually regarding the use of funds and the remaining balance. Requires the Foundation to reimburse any unauthorized expenditures. Directs Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities to appoint an advisory committee to consult with Oregon Community Foundation about expenditures. Includes requirements for representation on advisory committee.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fairview Trust will no longer be subject to potential budget reduction scenarios
- Fiscal and budget impact

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Community Housing Trust, administered by the Department of Human Services (DHS), commonly referred to as the Fairview Trust (Trust), was established in 1999 through Senate Bill 405. It was funded through the sale of land following closure of the Fairview Training Center in 2000, where intellectually and developmentally disabled persons had been institutionalized since 1908. The majority of sale proceeds used to fund the Trust – 95 percent – are currently required to be held in an interest-bearing account in perpetuity. The remaining five percent of sale proceeds, plus interest on the corpus of the trust, are currently required to be used to support community housing for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Senate Bill 491 transfers unobligated Trust funds and the responsibility to use said funds for Trust purposes to the Oregon Community Foundation (Foundation). The measure also directs the Foundation to report to DHS annually concerning the use of funds and the remaining balance, and to pay DHS for any unauthorized expenditures. Finally, Senate Bill 491 directs the Oregon Council on Developmental Disabilities to appoint an advisory committee to advise and consult with the Foundation in making expenditures from moneys transferred to the Foundation; the bill also includes requirements for representation on the advisory committee.